

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-24 were pending in this application. Claims 1 and 21 have been amended. Claims 25 and 26 have been added. No claims have been canceled. Hence, claims 1-26 are pending following entry of this amendment. Reconsideration of the subject application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 11-13 and 21-24, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 6,125,126 to Hallenstal, *et al.*, and further in view of the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 5,504,804 to Widmark, *et al.*, and further in view of the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 6,393,271 to Dougherty, *et al.*, (hereinafter "Hallenstal," "Widmark," and "Dougherty" respectively).

Claims 4-10 and 14-20, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hallenstal/Widmark/Dougherty, and further in view of the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 5,329,578 to Brennan, *et al.* (hereinafter "Brennan").

Claims 1 and 21 have been amended to more particularly recite the Applicant's claimed invention, the support for which may be found beginning at page 8, line 28, of the Applicant's specification. Thus, no new matter has been added. The subject matter of new claims 25 and 26 may be found at the same location.

**Withdrawal of the Finality of the Present Office Action**

The Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the finality of the pending office action since claims 3, 12-20, and 24 are improperly rejected in the present office action. At page 8, first paragraph, of the Applicant's response to the previous office action (the "April 15, 2004, amendment"), the Applicants point out that Dougherty is unavailable as prior art since Dougherty and the invention of the present application were commonly owned at the time the invention of the present application was made. Thus, there are no grounds supporting the rejections of claims 3, 12-20, and 24, and, if the claims are not immediately allowed, the

Applicants must be given an opportunity to respond to any new grounds for rejecting these claims.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4-11, and 21-23 since the prior art of record does not teach "wherein applying service logic to disconnect the call or route the call to the at least one alternative system comprises examining a source of the call and processing the call accordingly." Hallenstal process calls based on a "trigger number" to which the *called* party is connected and has nothing to do with the source of the call to the subscriber. Thus, since claims 1, 2, 4-11, and 21-23 all include this limitation, these claims are believed to be allowable.

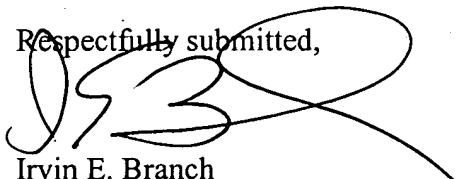
Claims 25 and 26 include limitations not taught or suggested by the prior art and are believed to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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